

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT  
COMPLAINT/EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT

Complaint Received By: 4865 to 4824 on 5/24/88 Date: Time:

Name of Complainant: anon.

Address: Otsego Wyoming Phone:  
(street) (town) (county)

Description of Complaint: Transformers were drained in an area up "left fork" at Otsego.  
May be PCB site.

Date and Time Condition Noted by Complainant: Date: Time:

Responsible Company or Person, if known: UNKNOWN

Stream:

Location: Otsego  
(Nearest City or Town) (Highway)

Investigation: Yes (x) No ( ) Date: 6-2-88 Time: 0930

Inspector Assigned: 4824

Investigation Findings (To be Completed by Inspector): Approx. 7/10 mile up left fork was found a multi-capacitor storage unit (photo 1) with over 100 Pyrenol capacitors. At least 3 were found broken and lying (photo 2) on the ground. Others still inside the unit were leaking (photo 3) and the ground around it was oily (photo 4).

A cement pad nearby also had a broken capacitor and oil on it (photo 5).

Another 3/10 mile up the road was what slightly resembled an old sub-station now dismantled. The transformer with oil on it was found there (photo 6, 7, & 8). All around this area were pieces of insulators and metal. A tag on it indicates "Orto Insulating Fluid". I located one metal plate from a Westinghouse transformer on the ground (photo 9).

Referred to U.S.E.P.A. on 6/2/88

According to Jeff McCormick of D.O.E. in Charleston, the Dept. of Energy mine ID number is U0268. This is considered still an active site by the Reclamation Office, bond money is still being held. A twin mine, U0266, in the adjacent hollow is closed & reclaimed, no equipment remains there. The property at U0268 is owned by CSX Minerals, Inc., P.O. Box 2027, Huntington, WV 25727 (formerly Western Pocahontas)

According to Kevin Wall of CSX, previous operators were:

- (1) Brule Smokeless Coal - deep mined in 1950's or before
- (2) Westmoreland Coal - strip mined prior to 1978; Sold to Slab Fork Coal Co. in 1978.
- (3) Maben Energy - deep mined 1978 to 1982. Present permittee.

Westmoreland Coal Co.

Rt 1 Box 39

Clothier WV 25047

contact Sam Ballman

P.O. Box 1057 Crab Orchard, WV 25827

455-5335

Maben Energy Corp. (253-2721)

41 Eagles Road

Beckley, WV 25801

contact Paul Kiger or Tom Laffer

bought from Slab Fork Coal Co.

which went bankrupt

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Inspector's Signature: J. L. Brown

SECTION: SI/R (20-5G) CME (20-5E) Field OPS/WRD (20-5A)